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A Letter from the Superintendent

In August 2018, the district launched a new comprehensive strategic plan aligned with current trends in education nationally, and designed to meet changing local demands. The vision for the district is based on seven strategic imperatives at the elementary and at the secondary level. The elementary plan is focused on core academic and social learning where the secondary plan priorities innovation, risk, and career trajectories. The strategic plan represents a collaborative approach by multiple committees and staff input over eighteen months of planning. It is a growth orientated model that seeks to leverage every opportunity to increase students’ engagement and learning. However, as bold as the vision is, it must be supported by the commitment to robust resources to leverage the full potential of the vision.

With the new district plan at the center of the conversation, the school board approved a budget of 19.8 million dollars. With 19.3 million dollars in revenues, the district anticipates using slightly under half a million dollars of committed fund balance. A deficit of any amount is concerning. However, that number masks the concerted effort of the administration and the board to close the financial gaps and to maintain commitment to the strategic imperatives.

Driven by our strategic plan, students and staff will return to several new innovative programs this year. A few of those include:

- Dwight Woodley, Director of Innovative Learning, is launching pilot programs with iPads in select third and fourth grade classrooms and expanding the number of iPads available at Rommelt Elementary.
- Several new robotics programs will be available to students at the elementary and high school level thanks to grants provided by the Education Foundation.



- Central Elementary is expanding the impact of its Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program by adding additional layers of student supports and staff training.
- JR/SR High School will offer two courses through Penn College NOW affording more students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school.

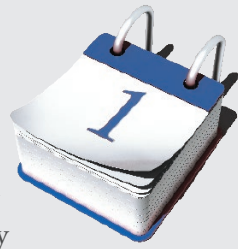
Despite the fiscal challenges, the board, administration, and staff are committed to a strategic plan focused on an innovative mindset, embracing risk as a learning opportunity, and leveraging technology as a learning tool for all. The community has much to be proud of in the past and in the future of its schools.

Dr. Mark Stamm

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Superintendent



South Williamsport Area School District 2018-2019 CALENDAR



Aug. 23	Professional Day
Aug. 27	First Student Day
Sept. 3	Labor Day - Schools Closed
Oct. 8	Columbus Day - Schools Closed
Nov. 19	Act 80 ½ Day
Nov. 20	Act 80 ½ Day
Nov. 21	Professional Day
Nov. 22-26	Schools Closed
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day – Schools Closed
Dec. 24-Jan 1	Schools Closed
Dec. 25	Christmas Day – Schools Closed
Jan. 1	New Year’s Day – Schools Closed
Jan. 2	Weather Day (1)
Jan. 18	Weather Day (2)
Jan. 21	Act 80 Full Day
Feb. 15	Act 80 Full Day
Feb. 18	Act 80 Full Day
Feb. 19	Weather Day (4)
March 15	Weather Day (5)
April 17	Weather Day (6)
April 18	Weather Day (7)
April 19	Schools Closed
April 22	Weather Day (9)
April 23	Weather Day (8)
May 24	Weather Day (3)
May 27	Memorial Day - Schools Closed
June 5	Act 80 ½ Day
June 6	Act 80 ½ Day
June 6	Last Day
June 6	Commencement
180	Student Instructional Days
182	Teacher Days

4	Act 80 Days/Student ½ Days
3	Act 80 Full Days
2	Professional Days
9	Weather Days

Professional Day: No School for Students
Act 80 ½ Days – Early Dismissals
Weather Day – Used as a make-up day (if necessary) due to a prior emergency school closing

NEW FACES IN FAMILIAR PLACES



There are many administration changes across the South Williamsport Area School District regarding principals and assistant principals for the three buildings.

Upon the retirement of former Central Elementary School principal Kathy Furman and an unanticipated change in administrative staff this summer, Dr. Michele Loomis will be transitioning from being the assistant principal at the South Williamsport Area High School to the interim principal of Central and Rommelt Elementary.

“I’ve worked at the high school for 16 years so this will be something new for me,” she said. “I’m excited for this change and working with the staff at Central and Rommelt.”

She is especially excited to work closely with the district’s Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports or PBIS program for the kindergarten through fourth graders. This program will be expanding to include more advanced supports for students in the form of a behavior interventionist and on-site mental health services.

Another initiative she is thrilled to be a part of is the student assistance program which includes staff working directly to support students in all areas. They help kids to develop good social skills which will benefit them for life.

At the high school, Scott Hill, former Title I math teacher, has taken on the position of assistant high school principal. He will also continue to fulfill his work as the district athletic director.

“Being at the high school full time...I hope to have more of an impact on the students,” Mr. Hill said.

He and Jesse Smith, high school principal, have been friends for years and are excited to work side by side.

Each administrator is ready for the 2018-19 school year to begin and hopes it will be a great year for everyone in the district.

South Williamsport Area School District
— ATHLETICS —
 For up-to-date Sports Schedules, go to...
swasports.org

MOUNTIE QUEST – Supporting Students’ Dreams



Special activities like playing in the school band or going to space camp can be the highlights of a students’ educational journey. To make more of those opportunities available to South Williamsport Area School

District students, a new non-profit was created to help those experiencing financial difficulties.

Mountie Quest, which stands for Quality Experiences for Students, is an organization dedicated to financially supporting students who are looking to participate in a beneficial activity that could further their opportunity for success. The organization aims to ignite the spark that can help a South Williamsport student find their passion in life.

Pat Peltier, former district outreach counselor, and Jamie Mowrey, assistant business manager, worked together to start an organization that could give all students the opportunity to participate in something they are passionate about.

“We want to provide funding for kids so they can have formative experiences whether it’s to register for the SATs, purchase athletic equipment or attend a summer theater camp,” Ms. Peltier said.

Working in the district for 16 years, she discovered that students with access to broader experiences beyond the classroom can improve their self-confidence and help them to see the wide possibilities available for the future.

Any student can apply to receive funding from Mountie Quest as long as the activity they desire to participate in is formative to their development and success as an individual. Permission from a parent or guardian must be granted in order to receive funding. A formative experience can be related to academics, the arts, athletics, higher education opportunities and more.

“When students have access to broader experiences, they begin to develop resiliency and a better self-esteem,” Ms. Peltier said. “Succeeding in special activities helps them to feel hopeful about their future.”

The non-profit will provide a piece or all of the money for the student depending on what funds are available. The goal will always be to provide enough money to make a difference.

Alongside Ms. Peltier and Mrs. Mowrey, the board members include Fred Wood, former South guidance counselor and Dustin Solomon, ’03 alum.

Mountie Quest is a 501(c)3 non-profit solely available to the students of the South Williamsport Area School District and Mountie Academy.

To help enhance the experiences of students across the district, donations can be mailed to the district office at 515 W. Central Ave. For additional questions, please email mountiequest@gmail.com.



South Williamsport Area School District SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

JR/SR High School / 700 Percy St.

Enter through the high school main entrance.
Follow signs to second floor library.

July 16	October 1
August 6	November 5
September 10	December 3 – <i>Reorganization Meeting</i>

NOTE: If another Board meeting is required within a certain month, a special meeting date will be set.

TIME SCHEDULES

Jr./Sr. High School (7 - 12)

- 7:44 a.m. – Students enter building
- 7:50 a.m. – Late Bell
- 2:31 p.m. – Dismissal

Rommelt (5 & 6)

- 8:15 a.m. – Students enter building
- 8:30 a.m. – First Bell
- 8:35 a.m. – Tardy Bell
- 3:05 p.m. – Dismissal

Central (K - 4)

- 8:15 a.m. – Students enter building
- 8:30 a.m. – First Bell
- 8:35 a.m. – Tardy Bell
- 3:00 p.m. – Dismissal

A GREAT BEGINNING for PBIS

The first semester using the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program at Central Elementary School was successful on instructing, rewarding and reteaching students about school-appropriate behavior.

The program created school-wide expectations for how students are to act in the classroom, hallways, cafeteria, on the playground and other areas in the building. Implementing common language and making the rules clear worked out wonderfully, Lisa Fisher, life skills teacher, said.

“The program kept students motivated and focused to follow school-wide expectations and do their best,” she said.

One of the issues before PBIS was an inconsistency in how every student was supposed to behave. Using the same phrases and requiring the same behavior from everyone, it helped students to better understand how to act in school.

“When we are all on the same page, it sets our students up for success,” she said. “When the expectations are known, it holds everyone accountable.”

Using monthly school-wide incentives such as picnics outside, Winter Olympics and playing “Minute to Win It” encourages the students to be their best throughout the weeks so they can participate.

On a daily basis, students can receive shout outs, climb their classroom clip chart and get holes in their punch cards that

help them stay on task. Each classroom has a chart to display students’ daily behavior, when they make positive choices they receive a punch in their card.

If faculty members see the students acting responsibly, they will give them shout outs that gets them a punch on their card.

Mrs. Fisher heard from a parent that her daughter’s shout outs and completed punch cards helped them get through difficult mornings.

“On days when her daughter is not feeling her best and having a bad morning they get out the stack of shout outs to remind her of all the successes she has had,” she said.

The student is reminded that, “no matter what the obstacle, she has proven that she can overcome it and make positive choices.”

Similar to the January’s PBIS kickoff assembly, there will be another one when school begins in the fall to teach new students and remind current ones.

“We are excited about our program spanning an entire school year and all the successes that will come from the consistency,” Mrs. Fisher said.

She and the PBIS plan to create additional fun incentives for students and develop additional support for students who may require more intervention to succeed.





Shining Bright with MILLION MOUNTIE LIGHTS

Nominations are open to honor community members and students who have enhanced the lives of others through the South Williamsport Area School District's Million Mountie Lights Award.

Million Mountie Lights was created by school board members Cathy Bachman and Sue Bowman who wanted a way to showcase the citizens positively contributing to the school district and borough of South Williamsport.

Anyone can nominate either a South Williamsport community member, school faculty member, alumnus or student who is making a difference in a significant way. It is a way to shine light on the selfless work that often goes uncelebrated.

"Million Mountie Lights is a way for us to award all of the people in our community who don't get public recognition for the work they do and the lives they change," Ms. Bowman said.

Twice a year, December and May, the award committee, consisting of three board members and district superintendent Dr. Mark Stamm, will select five winners from the pool of nominees.

Some examples of what would qualify a person to be nominated are: making a significant financial donation to the education foundation, a group raising money for a community-enhancing project or a student who starts a charitable organization to benefit others. A nominee should be doing something that impacts the school district or the community, she said.

"There will be no shortage of good people in this community to celebrate with the award," Ms. Bachman said.

To nominate someone, please visit the school website at www.swasd.org. Completed forms may be sent to the district office, 515 W. Central Ave. by October to be in the running for the December awards.

WWW.SWASPORTS.ORG

South Williamsport High School

MOUNTAINEERS

FALL SPORTS 2018

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 18	TROY (SCRIM)	HOME	10AM
AUG. 24	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	7:00
AUG. 31	WYALUSING VALLEY	HOME	7:00
SEPT. 7	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 14	MUNCY	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 21	BLOOMSBURG (HOMECOMING)	HOME	7:00
SEPT. 28	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	HOME	7:00
OCT. 5	CENTRAL COLUMBIA	AWAY	7:00
OCT. 12	MOUNT CARMEL AREA	HOME	7:00
OCT. 19	MILTON AREA (PARENTS' NIGHT)	HOME	7:00
OCT. 26	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	7:00

JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 24	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 10	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 17	MUNCY	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 24	BLOOMSBURG	HOME	6:00
OCT. 1	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	HOME	6:00
OCT. 8	CENTRAL COLUMBIA	AWAY	6:00
OCT. 15	MOUNT CARMEL AREA	HOME	6:00
OCT. 22	MILTON AREA	HOME	6:00

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 29	LEWISBURG (SCRIM)	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 6	SHIKELLAMY	AWAY	5:00
SEPT. 13	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	5:00
SEPT. 20	BLOOMSBURG	HOME	5:00
SEPT. 27	MOUNT CARMEL AREA	AWAY	5:00
OCT. 4	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	AWAY	5:00
OCT. 11	CENTRAL COLUMBIA	HOME	5:00
OCT. 18	HUGHESVILLE	HOME	5:00
OCT. 25	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	5:00
NOV. 1	MUNCY	HOME	5:00

BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 18	WARRIOR RUN (SCRIM)	TBA	TBA
AUG. 28	SHIKELLAMY (SCRIM)	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 6	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 8	MID-WEST TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 11	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 3	BLOOMSBURG	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 18	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 20	MUNCY	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 22	WELLSBORO AREA	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 24	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 29	MILTON AREA	HOME	11AM
OCT. 1	BENTON	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 3	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	HOME	4:00
OCT. 6	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	7:00
OCT. 8	BLOOMSBURG	BLOOMSBURG UNIV	4:00
OCT. 10	HUGHESVILLE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 13	NORTHEAST BRADFORD	AWAY	12:00
OCT. 15	MILLVILLE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 17	SULLIVAN COUNTY	AWAY	4:00

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 22	WILLIAMSPORT AREA (SCRIM)	AWAY	4:30
AUG. 25	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP (SCRIM)	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 1	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 5	MOUNT CARMEL AREA	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 8	MUNCY	HOME	11AM
SEPT. 10	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 12	BLOOMSBURG	BLOOMSBURG UNIV	4:30
SEPT. 17	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	7:00
SEPT. 19	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 20	SULLIVAN COUNTY	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 26	MOUNT CARMEL AREA	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 29	WELLSBORO AREA	AWAY	11AM
OCT. 2	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	7:00
OCT. 4	BLOOMSBURG	HOME	4:00
OCT. 6	BENTON	HOME	3:00
OCT. 9	HUGHESVILLE	HOME	4:00
OCT. 11	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	HOME	4:00
OCT. 13	MILLVILLE	AWAY	2:30
OCT. 18	SULLIVAN COUNTY	HOME	4:00



GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 20	CENTRAL COLUMBIA	AWAY	4:00
AUG. 22	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	4:00
AUG. 27	BLOOMSBURG	HOME	4:00
AUG. 29	LEWISBURG	AWAY	4:00
AUG. 30	HUGHESVILLE	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 4	DANVILLE AREA	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 6	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 8	MUNCY	HOME	11AM
SEPT. 10	CENTRAL COLUMBIA	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 12	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 17	BLOOMSBURG	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 19	LEWISBURG	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 20	MONTGOMERY AREA	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 24	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 26	DANVILLE AREA	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 27	MUNCY	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 1	MONTGOMERY AREA	HOME	4:00
OCT. 4	COWANESQUE VALLEY	AWAY	4:00

CO-ED VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

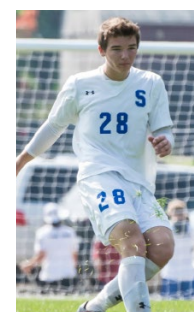
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SEPT. 4	WARRIOR RUN	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 11	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 18	CENTRAL COLUMBIA	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 25	MIFFLINBURG	AWAY	TBA
OCT. 2	JERSEY SHORE	AWAY	TBA
OCT. 9	SOUTHERN COLUMBIA	AWAY	TBA

JR. HIGH SOFTBALL

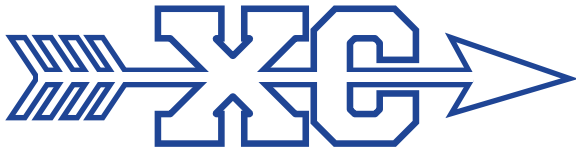
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SEPT. 4	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 6	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 8	HUGHESVILLE	HOME	11AM
SEPT. 11	CENTRAL MOUNTAIN	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 13	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 18	JERSEY SHORE	AWAY	4:30
SEPT. 20	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 25	MONTGOMERY AREA	HOME	4:30
SEPT. 27	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	HOME	4:30
OCT. 2	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	4:30
OCT. 4	CENTRAL MOUNTAIN	HOME	4:30
OCT. 6	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	HOME	11AM
OCT. 9	JERSEY SHORE	HOME	4:30
OCT. 11	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	4:30

GIRLS' JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
NOV. 1	MONTGOMERY AREA	HOME	5:30
NOV. 3	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	AWAY	11AM
NOV. 5	JERSEY SHORE	AWAY	5:30
NOV. 8	CENTRAL MOUNTAIN	AWAY	5:30
NOV. 10	ST JOHN NEUMANN	HOME	11AM
NOV. 12	HUGHESVILLE	HOME	5:30
NOV. 15	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	AWAY	5:30
NOV. 19	MONTGOMERY AREA	AWAY	5:30
NOV. 27	WILLIAMSPORT AREA	HOME	5:30
NOV. 29	JERSEY SHORE	HOME	5:30
DEC. 1	ST JOHN NEUMANN	AWAY	11AM
DEC. 3	CENTRAL MOUNTAIN	HOME	5:30
DEC. 8	HUGHESVILLE	AWAY	11AM
DEC. 10	LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP	HOME	5:30



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM JOINS SOUTH ATHLETICS PROGRAM



After existing as a club for six years, there will be an official South Williamsport cross country team competing this fall under the guidance of coach Matt DeBlander.

Since 2012 he advised the cross country club at the South Williamsport Area Junior-Senior High School with a small number of students participating. This past year the members were interested in competing at meets as a team rather than running as individuals.

“The students and their parents joined efforts before the school board to request for a cross country team,” Mr. DeBlander said.

The board unanimously approved the proposal during the May 7 meeting.

The athletes who worked to make their dream a reality are excited to run together as a team and showcase their talents. At meets, high school students are expected to run five kilometers, 3.1 miles, while the junior high schoolers will run two miles along trails and grass.

“It’s going to be tough for these young athletes, but they will have me and the rest of the team to support them through the challenges,” he said. “I’m not going to leave anybody behind.”

Mr. DeBlander is thrilled to encourage his new team to work together and put their best foot forward. He hopes to see each student accomplish their personal goals by the end of their first season.

The meet schedule will be posted on the South athletics website.

PROCEDURE FOR CLOSING SCHOOL

The decision to close schools or delay school openings for inclement weather, unsatisfactory heating conditions, epidemic, or other emergency conditions shall come from the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- In case of delayed school openings, buses will operate on a delayed schedule according to the period of time specified in the announcement. For example, should the opening of school be delayed two hours, buses will run two hours later, including parochial runs.
- Every attempt will be made to make delayed opening or closing decisions by 11:00 p.m. the night before or by 6:30 a.m. the day of school.
- Please inform your child of an alternate location for him/her to go in the event school is dismissed early and you are not home.
- The primary means of communicating closing information will be an automated phone call service. However, announcements will also be made through TV and Radio as a backup.

Radio Stations

WGRC 90.7 and 107.1	WILQ 105.1	WZXR 99.3 AND 103.7	WBZD 93.3
WWPA AM 1340	WRVH 107.9	WJSA 96.3 and AM 1600	WRAK AM 1400
WKSJ 102.7	WLYC 1050 AM		

TV Stations

Check your local provider for channel numbers.

WYOU	WNEP	WBRE	WPSU
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PLEASE DO NOT CALL school officials at the school or home or radio station personnel for information.



South Williamsport Residents WINTER WALKING PROGRAM

Beginning November 27, 2018, South Williamsport residents may use the high school building between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for the purpose of exercise walking during regularly scheduled school days. The program will not be available on school vacation days or snow days. The winter walking program will run through the end of March. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Entrance to the second floor for walking will be through the rear of the school at the cafeteria entrance. The parking area behind the school is well lit. Residents may contact the high school office at 570-326-2684 if there are any questions.

Meet Officer MIKE SAMAR



South Williamsport Police Officer Mike Samar is returning to his alma mater this fall as the district's school resource officer. The '94 South Williamsport graduate jumped at the opportunity when he was asked to promote safety across the South Williamsport Area School District.

Mr. Samar will provide a myriad of functions including patrolling each school building, creating a safe environment for students and faculty and doing a variety of presentations to educate everyone about the best safety protocols.

"I am extremely excited to build this program from the ground up," he said. "I want to help students in any way that I can."

His office is located at the South Williamsport Area High School but will take time each day to visit Central and Rommelt elementary schools.

"I hope students and staff will enjoy having a police officer on campus as a resource and build a relationship between the school district and the police department," he said.

Mr. Samar will be present for the duration of the school day in case something serious happens. If there is an incident, big or small, he is there to respond immediately to keep everyone safe.

"You never know when you could have an incident," he said.

Having an officer on campus can ease the minds of everyone knowing that they are in a safe environment to learn and work.

Outside of his police duties, Mr. Samar is a father of four whom he enjoys taking fishing. He is also the president of Salladasburg Little League Baseball and a youth football coach.

Find us on... FACEBOOK and TWITTER

Stay up to date with events and activities around the school and community by following the district Facebook page. With almost daily updates on student activities, awards, achievements, and special events this is a perfect one-stop location to stay connected with your community schools.



FACEBOOK:

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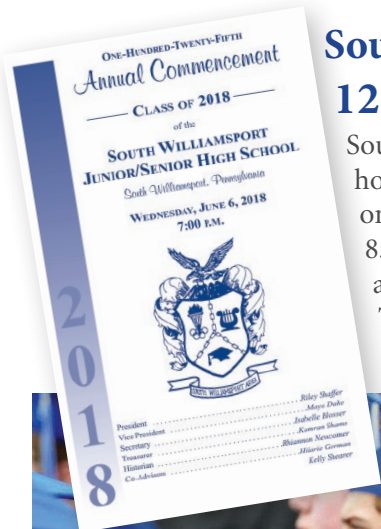


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South Williamsport Area School District 125TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

South Williamsport Area School District hosted its 125th Annual Commencement on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 graduating 85 seniors with board members, administration, and faculty attending. The ceremony was held outdoors at the Rodney K. Morgans Stadium.



**“SUCCESS IN THE LIGHT OF CULTURE,
OBSTACLES AND OWNERSHIP”**



INTERESTED IN PART-TIME WORK?

The South Williamsport Area School District is in continuous need of substitutes. By signing-up to substitute, you retain the option to work. Signing-up only puts your name of the list, and ensures you get a chance to work. We'd enjoy having you as part of our team.

The number of hours and works times are:

Secretaries:

4 to 7.5 hours – typically between 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Aides:

3 to 6.75 hours – typically between 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Food Service (Cafeteria) Workers:

3 to 4 hours – typically between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Custodians:

4 to 8 hours – typically 2nd or 3rd shift

The current rate of pay for substituting is \$8.00 per hour. If you are interested in becoming a substitute for any of these positions, please submit a resume (indicate which positions you are willing to do), and your Act 34, Act 151, and Act 114 background clearances.

For more information, please see our website <http://www.swasd.org/our-district/employment/applications/substitutes-non-professional-positions/>.



Mountie Online Learning Academy.
Real School. Real Convenient. Real Results.

Enroll Today

Let's face it: Cyber school isn't for everybody. But for the right student and situation, it can be the perfect solution to reach your education goals.

Here are the **Top-Five Reasons** students and families should consider Mountie Online Learning Academy:

- 5. A custom experience** – Focus more on areas of learning that fit your interests. Simply put, you choose what you want to learn. If your interests change, so can your course of study.
- 4. Focus on learning** – Does test anxiety hurt your performance? Not anymore. Continue working until it's clear you've mastered the material. It's the knowledge, not the test, that's most important.
- 3. Learn from anywhere** – Thanks to the internet, learning can happen just about everywhere, from bedrooms to park benches to coffee shops. Our philosophy: It's what you learn, not where you learn it, that counts most.
- 2. Self-paced** – Everybody learns at different speeds. We embrace every student's pace and style of learning. Reaching your goals, not how fast you reach them, is what it's all about.
- 1. Flexibility** – Nothing should get in the way of learning. So, we've cleared all roadblocks. Whatever you want to learn, however you want to learn it, whoever you want to become – we'll help you get there.

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SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The South Williamsport Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to expanding educational opportunities for students through the allocation of Educational Improvement Grants.

What is the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program?

PA Act 4 of 2001 provides for the establishment of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) to be administered by the Department of Community Development.

The Act authorizes the award of tax credits to businesses that make a contribution to educational improvement foundations like South Williamsport's. These foundations in turn may award scholarships or grants to support innovative educational programs. An innovative program is defined by the act as advanced academic or similar program that is not part of the regular academic program of a public school but that enhances the curriculum or academic program for the school.

Education Foundation Plans to Grow in Upcoming Year



The foundation allocated \$7,285 to four teachers who applied for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit grant to enhance their classes and improve the learning experience for their students. Above are the four teachers who received the grant funding. L-R Jessica Kaledas, Matt Easley, Lisa Laidacker and Ashley Wiley.

Connecting with the community and creating better opportunities for students is the main focus of the South Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation this coming year.

Melissa Stahl, board chair, recently joined the 15-person board that has been supporting teachers' dreams to benefit their students for 17 years. With some new faces accompanying her on the board, she hopes to take the foundation in a new direction that will include more activities and fundraising.

"My goal is to strengthen our board," she said. "Having a group of diverse individuals committed to our mission is essential to increasing our impact upon the students."

With a 12-year-old and a seven-year-old both enrolled in the

school district, she wants them and their peers to have the most learning opportunities as possible.

In order to provide those special chances, Mrs. Stahl recognized that fundraising is necessary. Once a strategic plan is finalized, the foundation will announce different activities and opportunities to donate in the near future. Every decision made will revolve around the mission of supporting the students and teachers across the school district.

"There is nothing more worthwhile in my mind than to help our teachers and our kids," she said.

With the support of the community, she is confident that her and her fellow board members can positively impact countless lives through their efforts.

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For more information about who we are, what we do and how you can support the SWASDF, visit the *Foundation* link at: www.swasd.org OR contact us... c/o First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania
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Become a SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!

The South Williamsport Area School District is seeking teaching substitutes for all grade levels throughout the district. You can choose your work days!

If you are PA certified, visit the District website at www.swasd.org/our-district/employment/employment-opportunities for information on how to apply.

Also, if you have a bachelor's degree in any area of study, you may be able to become a substitute teacher by completing the Guest Teacher Program through BLaST IU17. For information about the Guest Teacher Program see the BLaST IU17 webpage at <https://www.iu17.org/guest-teacher-program>.

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